

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 10 are now present in this application.

Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) because certain claimed subject matter is allegedly not shown. In order to expedite prosecution, claims 2 and 8 have simply been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. As such, the drawing objections should now be overcome. The instant application should remain in condition for allowance.

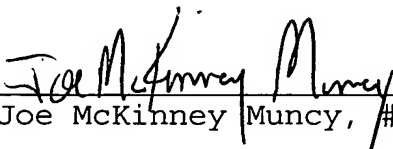
Entry of the amendments to the claims is respectfully requested without withdrawing the present application from issue.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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